

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

[M07-657]

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the document or policy statement is referenced:

The purpose of this substantive policy statement is to clarify the requirements for a supervised clinical practice period. The substantive policy statement also clarifies the requirements for a supervisor of an interim permit holder completing a supervised clinical practice period.

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the publication or issuance:

The substantive policy statement was approved by the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy and became effective November 19, 2007.

3. Summary of the contents of the guidance document or the substantive policy statement:

The substantive policy statement clarifies under what circumstances the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy shall issue an interim permit for purposes of completing a supervised clinical practice period as a requirement of physical therapist licensure or physical therapist assistant certification. The substantive policy statement distinguishes the interim permit from other types of authorizations to work or practice, and addresses the timing and specifics of the issuance of the interim permit. Finally, the substantive policy statement clarifies the requirements of the supervisor of an interim permit holder.

4. A statement as to whether the guidance document or substantive policy statement is a new document or statement or a revision:

SPS 2007-01 is a revised substantive policy statement.

5. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom questions and comments about the guidance document or substantive policy statement may be directed:

Name: Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director
Address: 4205 N. 7th Ave., Suite 208
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Telephone: (602) 274-0236
E-mail: heidi.herbst-paakkonen@ptboard.state.az.us

6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the guidance document or the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the document or policy statement:

A request may be submitted to the office of the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy as listed above. There is no cost for duplication of the two-page substantive policy statement. The document may be downloaded from the Board's web site (www.ptboard.state.az.us). There is a \$5 fee for the entire book of the statutes and rules for the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy.

NOTICE OF AGENCY SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

[M07-656]

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referred:

Notification to existing active licensee's and applicants applying for a Podiatry license that as part of the policy governing the practice of podiatry the Board Policy has adopted Model Policy for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain and The Guidelines for Treatment of Chronic Pain as set forth by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc. Board Policy No. SPS 07-01

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date.

The substantive policy statement was adopted by the board November 14, 2007 and was effective that date.

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement.

The statement provides notice to new applicants and existing licensee's as a Podiatrist physician that the Board has adopted the Model Policy for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain and The Guidelines for Treatment of Chronic Pain as set forth by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision.

This is a new statement.

5. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to who questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

Name: Dee Doyle, Executive Director
Address: 1400 W. Washington St., Room 230
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Telephone: (602) 542-3095
Fax: (602) 542-3093
E-mail: dee.doyle@podiatry.az.gov

6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs of obtaining a policy statement.

A request may be directed to the address or phone number above. The cost is charged at \$0.25 per page.

NOTICE OF AGENCY SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

BOARD OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

[M07-660]

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referred:

The substantive policy statement provides pain management guidelines for homeopathic physicians providing pain management as part of their medical practice for patients with pain, acute or chronic, and particularly for those physicians whose patients experience pain brought on because of terminal illness.

The policy will provide guidance to the Board when investigating allegations of inappropriate pain management.
SPS 07-01.

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date.

The substantive policy statement was adopted by the board September 11, 2007 and was effective that date.

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement.

The statement provides an updated and expanded guidance to homeopathic physicians providing pain management as part of their medical practice for patients with pain, acute or chronic, and particularly for those physicians whose patients experience pain brought on because of terminal illness. The policy recognizes that the highest quality medical care may include access to effective and appropriate pain relief. It provides a guideline to physicians prescribing, ordering, dispensing or administering controlled substances for pain for a legitimate medical purpose and gives a step-by-step approach to how the physician should document the treatment of chronic pain within the patient's records.

Notices of Substantive Policy Statements

The policy will provide guidance to the Board when investigating allegations of inappropriate pain management and will rely on the documentation of chronic pain associated with an objective pain generator and/or a recognized chronic pain syndrome. The Board's review will rely and expect the existence of a physician-patient relationship documented according to the guidelines in Section II of the policy. Prescribing will be based on a diagnosis and documentation of chronic pain.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision.

This is a new statement.

5. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to who questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

Name: Christine Springer, Executive Director
Address: 1400 W. Washington St., Room 230
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Telephone: (602) 542-8154
E-mail: chris.springer@azhomeopathbd.az.gov

6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining a policy statement.

A request may be directed to the address or phone number above. There is no cost for the substantive policy statement. Multiple copies would be charged at \$0.25 per page.

A copy is also available at the Board's web page at www.azhomeopathbd.az.gov.